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l'art est donc en quelque sorte de corriger la nature, p. 321); he believed in its beneficent reaction on character (cette notion de la bienfaisance du caractère s'accorde, en effet, assez difficilement avec la principe déterministe, p. 333). He laid down rules which should be observed in the production of art (pp. 320 f.).

The essay concludes with some observations on the influence which Taine has exercised on art, literature and science, and on what will probably be durable in his philosophic system. May not the style of Taine be recognized as his most lasting charm?

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Hampa Afro-Cubana, Los Negros Brujos [*Afro-Cuban Vagabondage, the Negro Witches*]. By FERNANDO ORTIZ. With a Critical Introductory Letter by Dr. C. LOMBROSO. Madrid: Libreria de Fernando Fé, 1906. Pp. xvi+432. 48 illus.

In this volume Doctor Ortiz, a distinguished lawyer and scholar of Havana, has furnished important data for a study in criminal ethnology and social pathology. The weird incantations introduced by the natives of widely different parts of "The Dark Continent" indicate the psycho-sociological characteristics of the colored people of Cuba. The author has spared no pains or expense in inquiring into the dangerous, disgusting, and immoral teachings and practices perpetuated from one generation to the next by the unenlightened and unreclaimed pagans in the island. Their forms and formulas and their disastrous effects are explained "in order that their present evils may be considered in their true magnitude and that the people being aroused may make the effort necessary to effect the moral progress of society by the exaltation of noble ideals, the restraint of selfishness, and the promotion of altruism—the sentiment of love and universal co-operation, which is not yet so widely extended as our human pride would lead us to believe.

ALBERT J. STEELMAN

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The Religion of a Democrat. By CHARLES ZUEBLIN. New York: B. W. Nuebsch. Pp. 192.

The six chapters of this small volume contain the confession of faith of a very manly and sincere mind in full sympathy with the